

How Much Would New Yorkers Pay for Prescription Drugs if Generic Versions of Current Brand Name Medication Were Available?

With new Schumer legislation that makes it easier to manufacture generic drugs being fast-tracked in the Senate, New Yorkers may be curious how the new legislation will affect their skyrocketing prescription drug costs. The impact of the legislation will be substantial: studies show that once a generic version of a brand name drug is fully integrated into the prescription drug market, the cost of the medication drops an average of 61%.

According to a new Schumer survey, the savings to New Yorkers would be nothing short of dramatic. The survey contacted over 120 pharmacies in cities and towns across New York State asking them the price of a 30-day prescription of regular dosages of five popular brand name drugs – Allegra, a common allergy medicine (180 mg); Norvasc, used in treatment of hypertension (5 mg); Prevacid, an anti-acid reflux drug (30 mg); Lipitor, used to combat high cholesterol (10 mg); and Celebrex, a medicine that provides millions with relief from arthritis pain (200 mg). Were a generic version of these drugs available, New Yorkers would save each month an average of \$48.54 on Allegra, \$30.14 on Norvasc, \$90.10 on Prevacid, \$46.17 on Lipitor, and \$55.99 on Celebrex. *For a city-by-city comparison of the costs of brand name drugs versus potential generic equivalents, please see the following report.*

ALBANY

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$81.75	\$51.50	\$150.68	\$79.08	\$94.24
GENERIC	\$31.88	\$20.09	\$58.76	\$30.84	\$36.75

AMSTERDAM

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$78.13	\$49.30	\$148.59	\$76.39	\$91.95
GENERIC	\$30.47	\$19.23	\$57.95	\$29.79	\$35.86

AUBURN

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$79.54	\$46.37	\$147.03	\$74.76	\$91.02
GENERIC	\$31.02	\$18.09	\$57.34	\$29.16	\$35.50

BATAVIA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$85.78	\$54.71	\$156.66	\$79.36	\$96.66
GENERIC	\$33.45	\$21.33	\$61.10	\$30.95	\$37.70

BINGHAMTON

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$79.31	\$51.02	\$140.70	\$70.42	\$89.96
GENERIC	\$30.93	\$19.90	\$54.87	\$27.46	\$35.08

BUFFALO

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$84.56	\$51.51	\$158.46	\$79.06	\$96.06
GENERIC	\$32.98	\$20.09	\$61.80	\$30.83	\$37.46

CANANDAIGUA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$81.33	\$50.27	\$149.29	\$77.30	\$94.13
GENERIC	\$31.72	\$19.60	\$58.22	\$30.15	\$36.71

CORNING

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$80.29	\$48.69	\$151.34	\$75.54	\$93.34
GENERIC	\$31.31	\$18.99	\$59.02	\$29.46	\$36.40

CORTLAND

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$82.81	\$51.01	\$153.61	\$76.91	\$95.24
GENERIC	\$32.30	\$19.89	\$59.91	\$29.99	\$37.14

DUNKIRK

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$82.96	\$50.96	\$152.76	\$76.79	\$94.29
GENERIC	\$32.35	\$19.87	\$59.58	\$29.95	\$36.77

ELMIRA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$80.81	\$49.84	\$147.80	\$78.18	\$91.64
GENERIC	\$31.52	\$19.44	\$57.64	\$30.49	\$35.74

GLENS FALLS

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$75.02	\$47.32	\$151.85	\$73.74	\$92.43
GENERIC	\$29.26	\$18.46	\$59.22	\$28.76	\$36.05

GLOVERSVILLE

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$85.83	\$53.87	\$154.38	\$79.13	\$94.46
GENERIC	\$33.47	\$21.01	\$60.21	\$30.86	\$36.84

HERKIMER

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$76.09	\$49.54	\$151.94	\$76.84	\$90.54
GENERIC	\$29.68	\$19.32	\$59.26	\$29.97	\$35.31

HORNELL

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$79.59	\$47.94	\$149.04	\$74.44	\$91.94
GENERIC	\$31.04	\$18.70	\$58.13	\$29.03	\$35.86

ITHACA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$85.88	\$52.38	\$167.97	\$81.48	\$99.43
GENERIC	\$33.49	\$20.43	\$65.51	\$31.78	\$38.78

JAMESTOWN

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$74.75	\$48.53	\$141.38	\$73.25	\$86.72
GENERIC	\$29.15	\$18.93	\$55.14	\$28.57	\$33.82

KINGSTON

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$91.53	\$48.98	\$147.57	\$75.69	\$91.11
GENERIC	\$35.70	\$19.10	\$57.55	\$29.52	\$35.53

LITTLE FALLS

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$80.94	\$49.42	\$144.00	\$74.32	\$90.92
GENERIC	\$31.57	\$19.27	\$56.16	\$28.98	\$35.46

MALONE

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$78.92	\$48.02	\$148.27	\$74.37	\$92.87
GENERIC	\$30.78	\$18.73	\$57.83	\$29.00	\$36.22

MIDDLETOWN

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$80.77	\$50.73	\$150.39	\$78.60	\$92.90
GENERIC	\$31.50	\$19.78	\$58.65	\$30.66	\$36.23

NIAGARA FALLS

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$78.60	\$48.30	\$143.02	\$75.27	\$92.52
GENERIC	\$30.65	\$18.84	\$55.78	\$29.36	\$36.08

OLEAN

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$49.76	\$29.32	\$87.09	\$46.57	\$55.70
GENERIC	\$19.40	\$11.44	\$33.97	\$18.16	\$21.72

ONEIDA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$76.99	\$47.24	\$149.69	\$74.19	\$90.44
GENERIC	\$30.03	\$18.42	\$58.38	\$28.94	\$35.27

ONEONTA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$79.26	\$48.69	\$149.51	\$75.42	\$93.75
GENERIC	\$30.91	\$18.99	\$58.31	\$29.41	\$36.56

OSWEGO

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$80.04	\$50.01	\$154.45	\$77.29	\$96.25
GENERIC	\$31.22	\$19.50	\$60.24	\$30.14	\$37.54

PLATTSBURGH

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$78.68	\$47.21	\$146.78	\$73.80	\$91.60
GENERIC	\$30.69	\$18.41	\$57.24	\$28.78	\$35.72

POUGHKEEPSIE

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$86.11	\$55.97	\$153.53	\$78.87	\$94.45
GENERIC	\$33.58	\$21.83	\$59.88	\$30.76	\$36.83

ROCHESTER

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$81.35	\$53.99	\$143.78	\$77.73	\$108.29
GENERIC	\$31.73	\$21.06	\$56.07	\$30.32	\$42.23

ROME

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$77.88	\$49.83	\$150.50	\$76.03	\$93.01
GENERIC	\$30.37	\$19.43	\$58.70	\$29.65	\$36.27

SARATOGA SPRINGS

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$81.43	\$51.54	\$145.05	\$75.80	\$94.80
GENERIC	\$31.76	\$20.10	\$56.57	\$29.56	\$36.97

SCHENECTADY

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$79.82	\$50.05	\$143.75	\$78.14	\$91.32
GENERIC	\$31.13	\$19.52	\$56.06	\$30.47	\$35.62

SYRACUSE

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$83.27	\$54.37	\$161.19	\$82.26	\$97.82
GENERIC	\$32.48	\$21.20	\$62.86	\$32.08	\$38.15

TROY

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$78.82	\$47.16	\$142.66	\$74.83	\$90.20
GENERIC	\$30.74	\$18.39	\$55.64	\$29.18	\$35.18

UTICA

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$78.23	\$49.16	\$149.29	\$77.16	\$89.32
GENERIC	\$30.51	\$19.17	\$58.22	\$30.09	\$34.84

WATERTOWN

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$75.96	\$47.91	\$144.60	\$74.48	\$88.99
GENERIC	\$29.62	\$18.69	\$56.39	\$29.05	\$34.71

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

DRUG	Allegra	Norvasc	Prevacid	Lipitor	Celebrex
BRAND	\$82.84	\$51.87	\$147.86	\$80.20	\$84.81
GENERIC	\$32.31	\$20.23	\$57.67	\$31.28	\$33.07